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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancelled):

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A method of filling holes using a fill material passing through a pressure fill head comprising:

causing fill material to enter the fill head;
modifying the viscosity of the fill material. ~~The method of claim 1 wherein the step of~~
~~modifying the viscosity of the fill material includes~~ modifying the viscosity from a viscosity V1
prior to entering the fill head to a viscosity V2 upon exiting the fill head, wherein V2 is at least
1% less than V1 while it is within the fill head; and

causing the modified viscosity fill material to exit the fill head and enter at least one hole.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the step of modifying the
viscosity of the fill material includes modifying a temperature of the fill material from a
temperature T1 prior to entering the fill head to a temperature T2 upon exiting the fill head
wherein both T1 and T2 are less than 40 degrees Celsius and T1 does not equal T2.

Claim 4 (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein T2 is at least 5% greater than T1.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 3 wherein T2 is at least 23 degrees Celsius.

Claim 6 (Cancel):

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of filling holes using a fill material passing through a pressure fill head comprising:

causing fill material to enter the fill head;
~~The method of 6 wherein the step of~~ modifying the viscosity of the fill materials includes
causing a heated fluid to pass through the heating element of the fill head while the fill material
is passing through the fill head; ;

~~The method of claim 1~~ wherein the fill head comprises a heating element positioned to heat
the fill head, and positioned so as not to contact any fill material passing through the fill head
and wherein the step of modifying the viscosity of the fill material involves heating the fill head
to indirectly heat the fill material; - and.

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causing the modified viscosity fill material to exit the fill head and enter at least one hole.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of 7 wherein the heated fluid is one of: ethylene glycol/water, oil, and water.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of 6 7 wherein the step of modifying the viscosity of the fill material includes providing an electric current to a heating element coupled to the fill head while the fill material is passing through the fill head.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method of filling holes using a fill material passing through a pressure fill head comprising:

causing fill material to enter the fill head;

modifying the viscosity of the fill material ~~The method of 1 wherein the fill head comprises~~

with a heating element in the fill head positioned within a flow path of the fill material passing through the fill head and wherein the step of modifying the viscosity of the fill material includes heating the fill material directly while it is within the fill head; and,

causing the modified viscosity fill material to exit the fill head and enter at least one hole.